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THE WITCHES BIBLE IS BULLSHIT

Subtitled "How To Practice the Oldest Religion" this book by Gavin & Yvonne Frost, published by Nas h Pub. Co., 1972, Los Angeles, the same ones who published Louise Huebner's Power Through Witchcraft, which the Frosts recommend! Besides books on the psychic and occult they also recommend Murray's GOD OF WITCHES, Lethbridge's WITCHES, Hughes' WITCHCRAFT, Johns' KING OF WITCHES and Cavendish's THE BLACK ARTS! Gavin Frost ordered ARADIA from me sometime ago but it is NOT on their list. There is no indication that they've read above books, no quotes, and their version of "Celtic Wicca" NEVER MENTIONS THE GODDESS ONCE!!! Their use of "Flamen" and "Flamenca" for the High Priest & High Priestess is NOT Celtic but LATIN, terms used in the Roman Religion. The title is an obscenity since it implies that ALL Witches subscribe to and practice the Frost's version of "Wicca" with no explanation that they're just speaking for themselves. They're the best friends that the Anti-Witch people in the U. S. could have. They will be quoting this book to back up their religious fascism: False ammunition from false prophets for Christian Fundamentalists!

RACIST: Don't mix races in classes & covens "because the development of whites takes longer than that of any other race...meditation has been an integral part of Oriental life for thousands of years, so Orientals are able to meditate meaningfully from the beginning of class. In the black man's case, he is used to feeling for omens and direction, so he can immediately give guidance." (Pg. 190) We all know that the "Negroes have rhythm!" The Oriental and black comments indicate REVERSE RACISM. Two whole races are collectivized, denying their individuality as human beings, attributing to them a supposed collective virtue!

SEXISM: GODDESS NEVER MENTIONED. "The practice of lesbianism and homosexuality not condoned by Wicca." They don't say "not condoned by the Frosts" but hide behind the skirts of "Wicca." (Pg. 75). The dustjacket states that Yvonne Frost worked with Spiritual Frontiers which was founded by Arthur Ford, the late great world-renown medium who also happened to be HOMOSEXUAL.

SPIRITUALIST: The book is a mixture of "old hat" and nouveau Spiritualism with frequent mention of "progress on the other side" and "spirit guides." Gavin Frost likes to think of himself in "contact with the Spirit World" and don't anyone dare question THEIR authority. Well, when it comes to WICCA both he and his "Spirits" are dead wrong. If these "spirits" were ignorant about Wicca on earth they will be just as ignorant about it in the Spirit World. LIKE ATTRACTS LIKE. False messages go to false mediums. Ignorant people attract ignorant "Spirits." Death doesn't suddenly transform a nincompoop into an intellectual giant. A Wicca-wise spirit would have nothing to do with the earth-bound Frosts and their so-called "School of Wicca" (CACA more like it!)

GNOSTICA NEWS, Feb. 21 issue, deleted paragraph on this book in my "Wicca Basket" column but published an Editorial PRAISING the book and blasting Herman Slater for sending out his newsletter saying "The book is an obscenity and mockery of all who worship the Goddess. It is nothing but an excuse for apparent Christianwife-swapping and sex." The Gnostica Editorial asks: "Who is Herman Slater to deny the Frosts their freedom of worship. The Wicca by its nature is a jigsaw puzzle of beliefs, motives and practices. Every sect differs from the others and even between affiliated covens practices differ, The Wiccan way is based on the worship of nature and the control of natural powers etc." They do state the Frosts should have used some other title besides The Witches Bible. "If the practices do not seem to correspond directly to the Celtic branch of the Craft, perhaps it is because there have been some improvements made." The final paragraph ends: "You may not agree with parts of it, but it remains a valuable learning experience." FOR WHOM?

FRIGID SEX A LA FROST: Female initiates have their hymens surgically broken by their mothers or doctor at youngest age possible. Boys have the underside membrane of penis cut by mother so foreskin can be fully drawn back. Young females have an assortment of phalli..."dildoes"...to choose from and exercise with according to the chart and instructions on pg. 85! "Throughout the fast the female novices are given a demonstration of introitus by a couple selected by the coven." No, I have no objection to SPONTANEOUS sex between consenting adults, that which is NATURAL to those involved, and precisely because of this I consider the use of dildoes UN-NATURAL, which means contrary to the "worship of nature" which they and their apologists espouse. What is NATURAL about ARTIFICIAL PHALLI? This can lead a child to the very "perversions" that the Frosts so righteously decry!

FUNDAMENTALIST assertions throughout the book are used as a cover-up for this hodgepodge blend of distorted Spiritualism and wacky Wicca. It ends up neither fish nor fowl but some sort of castrated capon (that may explain the use of artificial phalli!) It would be paying them an undeserved compliment to say that, like Judas, they "sold out for 30 pieces of silver" since they have nothing to sell Wicca-wise. And their inordinate pride in their "Federal recognition" as a school of Wicca (and church?) can be gotten by anyone filing such papers and listing a Board of Trustees etc. As if this was some kind of achievement. After reading their book the Federal department involved is apt to take another long look.

COVEN OF BOSKEDNAN: A long time ago I wrote to Gavin Frost that I saw in his "Coven of BOSKEDNAN" a hidden anagram for "NAKED SNOB." (Just re-arrange the letters in Boskednan). He wrote back that he was very disturbed about my seeing this and sent me some maps supposedly showing where the name originated in England or Wales (don't have his letter at hand). Now after having read his Witches Bible, which neither deals with Witches nor is any kind of Bible but which does defame all Witches simply because he doesn't say "a la Frost", I know that what I saw in BOSKEDNAN was right, if not an anagram deliberately made up out of "NAKED SNOB" then my own PSYCHIC DETECTION OF THE TRUTH IN THIS NAME. MY "Spirit Guides" were RIGHT ON! My greatest regret is that the Frosts did have access to the truth but opportunistically ignored it. And yes, I do believe in letting each person do "his own thing" provided that it doesn't hurt others. It seems that when money comes in through the door, morality flies out of the window. I didn't want to accept an offer by a multi-million dollar company to write a Craft Course. Now I'm afraid that I have no choice. Someone has to counteract the damage, the misinformation dumped on innocents, and it won't be the underground or broom-closet Witches. If money can do this to someone---if it's true that "money talks" --- then I shall see to it that my voice will be the loudest. Between the School of Wicca and Psychic Dimensions in New York (who stole a Witch Quiz of mine without permission or pay, distorted it, and offer it for sale via FATE) and all the other rip-off artists whose only God is the Almighty Dollar, then I will FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE, or more precisely, MONEY WITH MORE MONEY (and not spend a cent of my own). To some "The love of money IS the root of all evil." I shall see to it that my love of truth will make money the source of GOOD.

As for Frost he's no C. G. Leland and his "Bible" is no Vangelo. As for all those who call themselves Celtic or Wicca "speak now or forever hold your tongue."

MEDIA MIX: The American Museum of Folk Art opened officially on Jan. 15th. It features an authentic Craft altar with two robed mannequins. The New York Coven of Welsh Traditionalist Witches performed a Blessing and Invocation filmed by NBC 11 p.m. News. At one point the cameras did a close-up on Dr. M's face which filled the entire screen. The Jan. 17 N. Y. Times did a feature story with photo of Hermes, Lady Vivienne & the coven. On Jan. 24 the LONDON TIMES ran an interview with Hermes. Later the BBC called from Cardiff, Wales, and did another long distance taped telephone story.....THE WITCHES TRINE, % Aidan Kelly, 3125 Harrison, Oakland, Calif 94611 is 50¢/copy or \$3.50 per year (8 issues). We recommend it highly. Has just recently gone public. The publication of the New, Reformed, Orthodox Order of the Golden Dawn. Lots of interest to Crafters.....THE SILVER ANKH, 565 Howard Drive, N. E, Sierra Vista, Arizona, 85635 is another publication that has just "gone public." It is NOT a subscription publication but depends upon donations and requests a \$1 (cash...NO CHECKS) for Introductory issue..... THEOS & her husband PHOENIX are High Priestess and High Priest of Gardnerian covens, Lady Rowan has temporarily retired to Elder, They also have Pagan Groups, one made up entirely of Crafters' children. Recently they "brought up" to 3rd degree, "EA." A multi-talented couple who have eight children themselves..... They are interviewed, along with Hermes, for my new book: WITCHCRAFT: THE OLD RELIGION (Lyle Stuart's UNIVERSITY BOOKS, due late Fall 1973)..... TOAD CONTEST is being run by WITCHES TRINE on "Why can't Owen Rachleff be turned into a toad?" See Vol. 2, No. 1 issue for details. A result of WICA #19 and #20. I've already sent in my entry..... HANS HOLZER writing new paperback book called THE WITCHCRAFT REPORT for which I was interviewed. BRAD STEIGER doing a new paperback on Satanism in which he will draw a fine line between Witches and Satanists. My own views will be presented..... THE GREEN EGG, Box 2953, St. Louis, Mo. 63130, 8 issues, \$5/ 48 pgs. each issue. Paganism-Craft-Mother Earth-Ecology. Good buy....

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Dear Dr. Martello:

At the suggestion of Dr. Bernie Hersh, Dallas, Tex., I am writing to ask if you'd be willing to sell me a copy of your book HOW TO PREVENT PSYCHIC BLACKMAIL from your personal collection. I have been unable to buy a copy anywhere.

I have never read a book, nor heard a lecture, nor attended a seminar that has made as much sense as the words you've written. Your book has truly changed my life. I was privileged to read Dr. Hersh's copy of your book. Unfortunately, he requested it be returned. I well understand his desire to keep your book. If I'm fortunate to purchase a copy from you I too will jealously guard it.

Most Sincerely
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Dear Dr. Martello:

I've just read your book UNDERSTANDING THE TAROT. I must tell you that after having read the versions of Mouni Sadhu, A. E. Waite, Hilton Hotema, Papus, Eliphas Levi, De Lawrence, C. C. Zain, Dr. Boy, Sydney Bennet, and others too numerous to mention, I find your book by far the most understandable & explanatory than all of these other books combined, esp. since I'm mostly interested in Card Divination. The others deal with Astrology, Kabbala, numerology etc. None of them show how one card affects another. I've spent over \$300 for the information I found in your book. Had I found your book sooner I could have saved a great deal of money.

Sincerely,

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THORNS OF THE BLOOD ROSE, Victor H. Anderson. Poetry of the Old Religion by a Witch High Priest. Highly praised by most Craft publications. WARNING: Very few copies left. A perfect gift for a Craft friend. Perfect gift to yourself. While they last they are only \$5.14 per copy. Order directly from WICA.

LUPERCALIA: Celebrated Feb. 15th. Ancient Roman festival honoring Lupercus, God of Fertility. It was called *dies februat* "day of expiation." The Lupercal "wolf's grotto" ...a cave on western slope of Palatine Hill. Near it was the *figus ruminalis* the fig tree under which Romulus & Remus were found and nursed by a she-wolf. The Lupercal who celebrated this yearly festival were made up of the Fabian who belonged to the Sabines and the Quinctilian Lupercal, the Latins. Later in honor to Julius Caesar, there was added the Julian Brotherhood. They sacrificed a goat. Young neophytes, usually two, were brought in. The High Priest touched their foreheads with the bloody knife. Then another priest wiped away the blood with wool dipped into milk! Then the feast began with the celebrants clothed only in goat skins and carrying (really hiding) in their hands thongs made from the same hides, ran up and down the city striking everyone who passed. Women came forward to be hit by the goat-thongs believing it to enhance their own fertility. This was a symbolic purification of the land and of the persons touched. This was one of the last Pagan rites to be given up before Christianity completely dominated the country. It is still celebrated today in modified form, but without the sacrifice of the goat, by certain Italian streets (with less). Since Christianized into "St." Valentine's Day!

THE PAGAN CROSS: Alphabetically it is the letters T and X. Sacred symbol to Greeks (Tau) and Jews (Thau.) The Hammer of Norse God Thor. Symbol of dishonor amongst ancient Phoenicians, Syrians & later Romans, used as punishment for slaves, rebels and criminals. Longfellow relates how King Olaf celebrated Christmas at Drontheim:

O'er his drinking-horn the sign
He made of the Cross Divine,
As he drank, and muttered his prayers;
But the Berserks evermore
Made the sign of the Hammer of Thor
Over theirs.

The Sun Cross, Cross of Wotan, Mill Wheel, and now symbol of earth all made same way: Circle divided by a straight cross: ☩ Then of course the Ankh or Tau Cross of the Egyptians. Longfellow didn't realize that Olaf's Berserkers also made a cross... their own, the Cross of Wotan. In battle these Norsemen went wild, believing themselves invulnerable, thus our word "berserk."

THE BOOK OF SIGNS by Rudolf Koch contains 493 symbols used from earliest times to the Middle Ages, inc. Norse Runes. \$2.00 from WICA.

LUCIFER, God of Light, comes from Lux or Lucis, "light" and "ferre" which means "to bring." In Gaul, Ireland & Britain he is known as Lugh. Identified with the Sun. Lugh became "St." Michael. In Welsh lands Apollo became Mabon who was Lucifer. The Celts called him Bel, Beli, Belor, possibly from Beelzebub. Mabon was Christianized into "St." Andrew. Luther in his Table Talk said young German girls would strip naked and recite following on St. Andrew's feastday: "God, my God, O St. Andrew, bring it about that I may obtain a good affectionate husband; show me today what manner of man it is shall lead me to the altar." In the "The Popish Kingdom of Naogeorgus" translated by Barnaby Googe it says:

To Andrew all the lovers and the lusty
wooers come,
Believing through his aid and certain
ceremonies done,
(While as to him they presentes bring,
and conjure all the night)
To have good lucke, and to obtaine their
chiefe and sweet delight.)

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